

March 18, 2020

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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United States of America

Plaintiff(s),

v.

Mark Ford, et al.

Defendant(s).

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**FIRST AMENDED**

**CIVIL CASE DISCOVERY PLAN  
AND SCHEDULING ORDER**

19 CV 9600 (PMH)

This Civil Case Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order is adopted, after consultation with counsel and any unrepresented parties, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and 26(f):

1. All parties ~~[consent]~~ **[do not consent]** to conducting all further proceedings before a Magistrate Judge, including motions and trial, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). The parties are free to withhold consent without adverse substantive consequences. (If all parties consent, the remaining paragraphs of this form need not be completed.)
2. This case **[is]** ~~[is not]~~ to be tried to a jury to determine liability only. See Tull v. United States, 481 U.S. 412 (1987).
3. Amended pleadings may not be filed and additional parties may not be joined except with leave of the Court. Any motion to amend or to join additional parties shall be filed by August 14, 2020. (Absent exceptional circumstances, 30 days from date of this Order.)
4. Initial disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) shall be completed by July 27, 2020. (Absent exceptional circumstances, 14 days from date of this Order.)
5. Fact Discovery
  - a. All fact discovery shall be completed by May 5, 2021. (Absent exceptional circumstances, a period not to exceed 120 days from date of this Order.)
  - b. Initial requests for production of documents shall be served by **TBD**.
  - c. Interrogatories shall be served by **TBD**.
  - d. Non-expert depositions shall be completed by **TBD**.
  - e. Requests to admit shall be served by **TBD**.

- f. Any of the interim deadlines in paragraphs 5(b) through 5(e) may be extended by the written consent of all parties without application to the Court, provided that all fact discovery is completed by the date set forth in paragraph 5(a).
6. Expert Discovery
  - a. All expert discovery, including expert depositions, shall be completed by **August 9, 2021** \_\_\_\_\_. (Absent exceptional circumstances, 45 days from date in paragraph 5(a); i.e., the completion of all fact discovery.)
  - b. Plaintiff's expert disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) shall be made by **June 7, 2021** \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Defendant's expert disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) shall be made by **July 9, 2021** \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. The interim deadlines in paragraphs 6(b) and 6(c) may be extended by the written consent of all parties without application to the Court, provided that all expert discovery is completed by the date set forth in paragraph 6(a).
7. Additional provisions agreed upon by the parties are attached hereto and made a part hereof.
8. ALL DISCOVERY SHALL BE COMPLETED BY **August 9, 2021** \_\_\_\_\_. (Absent exceptional circumstances, a period not to exceed 6 months from date of this Order.)
9. All motions and applications shall be governed by the Court's Individual Practices, including the requirement of a pre-motion conference before a motion for summary judgment is filed.
10. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, within 30 days after the date for the completion of discovery, or, if a dispositive motion has been filed, within 30 days after a decision on the motion, the parties shall submit to the Court for its approval a Joint Pretrial Order prepared in accordance with the Court's Individual Practices. The parties shall also comply with the Court's Individual Practices with respect to the filing of other required pretrial documents.
11. The parties have conferred and their present best estimate of the length of the trial is seven to ten days \_\_\_\_\_.
12. This Civil Case Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order may not be modified or the dates herein extended without leave of the Court or the assigned Magistrate Judge acting under a specific order of reference (except as provided in paragraphs 5(f) and 6(d) above).
13. The Magistrate Judge assigned to this case is the Honorable Judith C. McCarthy \_\_\_\_\_.

14. If, after the entry of this Order, the parties consent to trial before a Magistrate Judge, the Magistrate Judge will schedule a date certain for trial and will, if necessary, amend this Order consistent therewith.
15. The next case management conference shall be August 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The case management conference scheduled for January 21, 2021 is canceled.
16. The parties are directed to meet and confer to discuss how to proceed with discovery to minimize the cost and resource burden on Defendants while settlement efforts are ongoing. The parties may engage in expert discovery before fact discovery, if so desired.

Dated: New York, NY  
December 16, 2020

SO ORDERED.



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Philip M. Halpern, U.S.D.J.